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- l. At a meeting on the night of 18 June 1950, the Political Commission of the Peruvian Communist Party (PCF) discussed the recent Arequipa uprising and agreed on instructions to be issued and steps to be taken in the coming weeks.
- The following decisions were made:
 - a. Increased persecution of the Party by the government is to be expected and thus the party must go deeper underground. A reorganization of the Party's political commission and changes in the Party's officers must be undertaken after the elections on 2 July.
 - b. A special issue of the Party's clandestine organ, Labor, was planned to tell the "truth" about the Arequipa uprising and the effect it had on the Arequipa masses. The Arequipa revolt was to be portrayed as a "just protest" of the masses against oppression by the military junta government.
 - c. Party members must exercise extreme caution in holding their clandestine meetings. Under no circumstances will meetings be held at the Libreria "Nuevo Horizonte", which is a well-known gathering place for Communists.
 - d. The Party received information that the outlawed Apristas had planned to launch a series of terroristic acts in an effort to have the government declare a state of seige and postpone the elections. Party members were not to take part in any acts of violence, but were encouraged to participate in any public demonstrations of protest which do not involve acts of terrorism.
 - e. Party members were instructed to east blank ballots in the voting for president.

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